

As mentioned in the beginning of the paper, the longitudinal design of CAPS provides us with the opportunity to assess changes in social measures over time. This will allow us a richer comparison of owners and renters than in previous studies of the social impacts of homeownership. Consequently, we will include several questions and scales found in other studies to cover topics not directly covered by our TPB questions.

Information to be covered each year includes:

- Updated demographic information.³ This will allow us to monitor the progress of children in school, changes in household composition (births, deaths, divorces, and so on), and employment histories (including the number and duration of unemployment spells);
- Questions about major life events, such as hospitalizations or serious injuries of family members or pregnancies, and major repairs to the house;
- Questions about household debt and finances.

Social Capital Module

Measurement of neighborhood involvement will occur on a rotating basis. This will involve measuring participation in neighborhood organizations, the extent of contact with neighbors, levels of cohesion and trust among neighbors, and the extent to which neighbors cooperate with each other. Measuring participation in more formal organizations is important because it represents an important element of social capital. We plan to measure respondents' current levels of participation in neighborhood and community organizations such as neighborhood watches, block organizations, and school-based groups. We will also measure respondents' perceptions of important community issues. In addition to allowing us to compare with other surveys, these questions will enrich our TPB questions on community involvement.

³ The baseline questionnaire included measures of household composition, employment of respondent and spouse/partner, medical insurance, emergency assets, other housing costs, new debt, predatory lenders targeting, payment delinquency, and household finances. There were also questions about finding a lender, number of borrowers, the down payment, homeownership education, characteristics of previous residence, and characteristics of current and previous neighborhoods.